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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND ELECTION OF SPECIES

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 31, 2003 in the above-identified application in which the Examiner requested election of one of fourteen species within the invention. In response to the request, Applicants elect Group I claims (1-9, 11 and 12) with traverse. Applicants traverse the restriction requirement and argue that Groups I, IV, IX and XII should be examined together as they are sufficiently linked that they may be regarded as one single invention. This response is timely filed as a petition for a one month extension of time to September 2, 2003 (August 31, 2003 falling on a Sunday, and September 1, 2003 falling on a federal holiday) is enclosed herewith.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss any issues of form or substance in order to expedite allowance of the pending application, she is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by the paper to Deposit Account No. 13-2855.

Respectfully submitted,

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